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My dear Mrs Chapman

I was greatly obliged by your very kind long letter to me from London in reply to my queries as to the Bazaar &c, & only regretted I had not written earlier so as not to put you to the extra expense of postage &c - I was very glad to have your decided opinion on this subject as it has quite settled *our* determination as to where the box shall be sent to - our small committee of Ladies immediately met on the receipt of your letter & after discussing the matter a little, unanimously fixed to forward the box to *Boston* alone, & we hope to send it off by the *Steamer* of the 4th Nov. or the following week, - I only ~~hope~~ wish it could have been a larger box than it will be, but we find it very difficult to interest sufficiently the Ladies of Leeds in this cause, besides there are so many other similar undertakings constantly arising to claim their attention - I was sorry to find what you thought of Douglas' prospects both as to the Bazaar, & more particularly his paper, I had hoped we would have made this latter object succeed, though I confess, I felt myself very doubtful about it from the beginning, thinking he might

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not have sufficient business habits to manage so important an undertaking. his sphere certainly appeared to be the lecture room, but as we understood that a paper edited & managed by a colored man would be of great service to the cause, & that there was an opening for one at the time the "North Star" was commenced, we trusted F. D. would succeed, as we thought he had the literary ability to write the important parts of the paper, besides the fact of a colored man being able to do such a work, would tell very strongly in favour of the intellectual powers of the race, & might influence many who have been far too long inclined to doubt the power of cultivating the Negro's mind — My Townsman Mr Wilson has just now in the press rather an important work called "A Tribute to the Negro" which I understand will be a collection of striking facts in favor of the colored race; perhaps you may have seen the prospectus of the work — You will notice from the address of this letter I am now from home, trying the effect of the far famed waters of this place for Rheumatism; I was here when last I wrote to you, though I dated my letter Leeds, & shall be at home again in the course of a few days — I had intended writing you a few lines before you left London, but as I was leaving home in a few days, was very much engaged, & have been obliged to defer it until now, & only hope this may find you able & willing to comply with Mrs Lupton's & my united request to visit us for a a few days when you return to England — We shall be greatly pleased to form a personal acquaintance with you, ere you cross again the Atlantic, & though the season of the year may not be most propitious for the beauties of the country, yet there will be something I hope in Yorkshire that will be interesting to you & your daughters if they are with you on your return; I am also requested by my cousin (Miss Harriet Lupton) to add, that it will give her & her sisters also great pleasure if you can spend a few days with them – You will no doubt be visiting the North of England & Scotland where some of our warmest Anti-Slavery friends reside, & who I am sure will give so warm a friend to the cause as yourself, a most hearty welcome – I hope you now find the continent quiet again after its late commotions, & in noway unpleasant for travelling; the late disturbances will no doubt have been attended with great practical good to the whole of Europe, & though in England we have sympathised a good deal with what has been done, we could not go the whole length, nor so far as some of your countrymen have done – I am just now engaged in reading the Life of the late Dr Channing & am deeply interested in it; he was indeed a true friend to his race & an ardent lover of his country – Hoping you will be able to comply with our requests & that we may hear of your safe arrival again in England ere long, believe me My dear Mrs Chapman yours very sincerely Joseph Lupton. Leeds

P.S. In a letter from my friend Miss Carpenter of Bristol, she says, "we shall send our box solely to the Boston Bazaar. We sympathized much with F. D. & I greatly wish that the Boston Abolitionists would give him a portion of what is sent, but we do not think it well to divide the interest in England". - with this I entirely agree - Miss C further adds

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"F. D. wishes to be independent & in some instances takes a different course from what some of his old friends like, I wish they would encourage him more, & like much as I have seen of his proceedings, so that I would gladly help him if I could."

Yours ever Joseph Lupton
of Leeds

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